LAWRENCE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Lawrence County Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Shiloh Baptist Church

Lawrence County, Mississippi.

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 17

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OFFICERS.

R. DRUMMOND, Moderator—Hebron, Miss.

WADE POLK, Clerk—Oak Vale, Miss.

L. D. POSEY, Treasurer—Silver Creek, Miss.

MINUTES

Shiloh Church, Miss., Wednesday Oct. 17th. 1906.

The Lawrence County Association met this day with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Lawrence County, Miss. in its sixth annual session, at the appointed hour.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder L. D. Posey, congregation singing "How Firm a Foundation," opening prayer by Elder J. P. Hemby.

Morning lesson, 116th division of the Psalms, prayers being led by Elders R. H. Purser, O. M. Lucas, and inspiring talks by Elders T. J. Moore, J. P. Williams, R. H. Purser and Bro. C. R. Dale, Elder T. J. Moore leading the closing prayer.

Brethren D. M. Lee and J. M. Fortenberry were appointed a committee on finance.

A motion prevailed to have the letters from the churches read and Elder L. D. Posey and Bro. I. P. Touchstone were appointed reading clrks. After some valuable time was thus consumed, and the messengers enrolled, the Association went into permanent organization.

Elder R. Drummond was put in nomination for Moderator, Wade Polk for Clerk and Elder L. D. Posey for Treasurer.

There being no other nominations, Elder J. P. Williams was authorized to "cast one vote for all," for R. Drummond, Moderator, Wade Polk, Clerk and L. D. Posey, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Providence and Oakvale Baptist Churches were received and messengers enrolled.

Adjourned for one hour, prayer by Elder J. P. Williams.

EVENING EXERCISES.

Met pursuant to adjournment, congregation singing, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," Elder J. M. Cook leading the prayer.

A motion prevailed that the following be adopted as the order of business of this Association, as follows:

First—Enrolling delegates by the Clerk.
Second—Election of Officers.
Third—Call for petitionary letters.
Fourth—Receive and arrange Correspondence.
Fifth—Revision of Committees.
Sixth—Appointment of Special Committees.
Seventh—Report of Committees.
Eighth—Miscellaneous business.
Ninth—Resolutions etc.

On motion, the preaching of Associational sermon hereafter shall follow immediately after organization of the Association.

Received correspondence as follows: Lincoln County Association,—R. H. Purser, J. P. Hemby, J. A. Scarborough and Allen White.

Bogue Chitto—J. M. Cook.
Mississippi College—J. P. Hemby.
Home Mission Board—T. J. Moore.
Baptist Record—O. M. Lucas.

Arranged Correspondence as follows:

Baptist State Convention—Elder J. P. Williams, B. S. Watts, W. R. Gipson, Lee H. Bird, E. B. White, John R. Cox, D. M. Lee, T. J. Batton, I. P. Touchstone, C. R. Dale, H. H. Dale, D. R. Longino, W. C. Dale, Elders R. Drummond, L. D. Posey and T. J. Moore.

On motion, Resolved that concerning the return of correspondence to other bodies with whom this Association holds fraternal relationship, we hereby empower any member of any church belonging to this Association, who can and will attend upon the sessions of these, taking this resolution as a letter of recommendation, shall be our messenger.

On motion, Elder R. Drummond was elected our delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Elder L. D. Posey Alternate.

Elder J. A. Scarborough was appointed to write a Temperance report, in place of Bro. J. W. Rose appointed one year ago

and Lee H. Bird to write on Sunday Schools in place of Bro. John B. Dale appointed at same time.

The following committees were appointed, namely.

On Nominations—Brethren B. S. Watts, M. Stringer and H. C. Lane.

On Apportionment.—H. T. Hemphill, W. J. Wilson, J. M. Polk, W. C. Dale J. P. Williams, B. S. Watts, A. H. Dale, I. P. Touchstone, J. L. Catt, John R. Cox, C. B. Dampeer, D. N. Langston, C. R. Dale, V. L. Moore, W. R. Gibson, E. B. Stringer, J. M. Fortenberry, O. L. Broom and J. N. Boyd.

The report on Denominational Schools was read and spoken to by Elders J. P. Hemby, R. H. Purser, J. P. Williams, O. M. Lucas, J. A. Scarborough, L. D. Posey and Bro. I. P. Touchstone and adopted as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

This is an educational age, more is being done for the education of the boys and girls of today than ever before, in the history of the denomination.

It is the purpose of the Denominational School to give to its Students the very best literary training possible, thereby enlisting them in the great educational movement.

The Baptists of Mississippi have no female schools of their own, but there are two, Hillman and Blue Mountain Colleges which are practically ours. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky is ours and should receive help.

The greatest posession of Mississippi Baptists is Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi. No one will question the statement, that Mississippi College is one among, if not the geatest factors for good that we as a denomination own and support We do not deem it necessary to give a history of the College from its foundation in 1826 to the present time, as we can look out on the world and see her bright sons filling important places in life.

Mississippi College has had a wonderful career, beset,as it has been several times, by almost insurmountable difficulties, but amid all her difficulties there has always been a few loyal supporters, of strong faith in God and in the grand old institution.

The last session was by far, the greatest in her history for

attendance. The number enrolled was 352. No doubt the number will be doubled in the next few years, with $120,000 in new buildings.

Your committee would recommend that all within the bounds of the Lawrence County Association, who have not already given of their means, would do so before the 31st. of December, 1906, that the $75,000 be secured.

Respectfully,

J. O. Buckley.

The report on Pastoral Relations was read and discussed by Elder L. D. Posey, Bro. C. R. Dale, Elders J. A. Scarborough, J. P. Williams, T. J. Moore and R. H. Purser, and on motion adopted as follows:

THE PASTORAL RELATION.

The Pastoral Relation, viewed in the light of the twentieth century is a very difficult, perplexing, and ever discouraging problem. To fulfill its demands, the pastor must be continually on the "go." He must visit all the people listen to al. the neighborhood gossip, and attend to all matters of discipline. He must attend the meetings of the different societies organized in the name of religion, keep the prayer meetings and Sunday schools in full bloon, collect money for missions, and for all benevolent objects. As a result of this, the pleasure of his own home life is broken up, he is kept in a continual nervous strain, and must often go into his pulpit unprepared to preach. He not only does not grow in his ministry, but soon loses his hold on the people, breaks down, physically and spiritually, and the church wants to change pastors to get a man who is "social" and will "draw folks," and has a wife that is willing to give up the care of her own home, and the rearing of her children to spend her time in social frivolities.

Viewed in the light of the New Testament, it is very simple and its duties not so hard to perform. Christ in expressing his will to Peter said "Feed my sheep." Paul in writing to Timothy said, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be

able to teach others also. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine. Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortaion, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly unto them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed to thyself and the doctirne; continue in them: for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." When the disciples had become numerous in the church at Jerusalem, there were seven men set apart whose duty it was to attend to all other matters incident to the work, that the apostles might give themselves "continually to prayer and the ministry of the word."

When our churches carry out the New Testament idea, they will prosper, and there will not be so much unrest among the ministry, and our preachers will continue to grow stronger, and greater good will be accomplished.

According to the limitations of this subject, it is not permissible, but in conclusion, I beg to say that the church member's relation to the pastor is to pray for him, attend the services that he conducts, listen to his preaching and heed his teachings, assist him in whatever is right and necessary in the advancement of the cause of Christ, and to liberally support him and his family.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. Posey.

On motion 2 o'clock tomorrow was set as the special hour for the Report on Missions.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Scarborough.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Oct. 18.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder T. J. Moore reading the 3rd. Chapter of Malachi. Prayer by Elder J. P. Williams.

On motion the committee on nomination was requested to appoint a committtee of one to write on the following subjects for dicussion at the next meeting of this Association, namely: Missions, Denominational Schools, Relations of Pastors and Churches, Publications, Orphanage, Ministeral Education, Sunday Schools, Womans Work, Church Discipline, Sustentation, and Temperance.

Elder A. V. Rowe was received as a correspondant from the Convention Board.

The report on Publications was read and dicussed by Elders T. J. Moore, O. M. Lucas, A. V. Rowe and C. R. Dale and adopted as follows.

PUBLICATIONS.

Perhaps in nothing are our people so deficient as they are on the subject of reading wholesome literature. Trashy books and pamphlets, and sensational news items, with prominent headlines in our dailies and weekly secular newspapers, constitute the great bulk of our reading. Solid works of great writers of history, poetry, moral ethics or religious thoughts find no place in the present day man's reading.

This is deplorable indeed and will result in the future weakness in thought and character of our people.

Especially do we regret to see the negligence so prevalent among us, of our own denominational literature. We prize so little religious information. There is need of a great reformation among us upon this subject, and we urge the messengers forming this body, with all the members of our churches, to practice, and encourage, in every way possible the circulation and reading of our own denominational literature.

There are many valuable books and periodicals that we should like to name in this report, were it not that to do so would make it too lengthy. It is for many reasons, the duty of every Baptist living within the territory of our State Convention, to take, pay for, and read every number of the Baptist Record published at Jackson, Mississippi.

Through it, all of our coopérative work is fostered, and without it, no one can keep informed about Baptist affairs in Mississippi.

The Orphanage Gem is a neat little monthly published by the orphanage managers at 25cts. a year and should be in every home.

The Foreign Mission Journal is a monthly magazine published at Richmond, Virginia at 35 cts. for single subscriptions, or 25 cts. in clubs of ten or more. It has some 30 pages of reading matter and furnishes a complete source of information about our Foreign Mission work.

Our Home Field, published by our Home Board at Atlanta, Georgia, monthly at 25cts. a year, tells all about the Home Board's work.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville Tennesse, is thorough furnisher of all kinds of Sunday School literature, periodicals and equipments.

All these publications, your committee heartily recommend to the loyal patronage of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Moore, Chairman.

The special hour baing arrived for the preaching of the Associational sermon, the congregation sang "Amazing Grace," and Rev. R. Drummond preached a helpful sermon from Ephesians 2:10 Theme—"The New Life," at the close of which Elder A. V. Rowe led the prayer. Congregation sang, "Work for the Night is Coming." Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer being led by Rev. T. J. Batton, the Association was called to order for the transaction of business.

The committee on finance made the following report, which was on motion adopted, namely:

Your committee begs leave to report the following, received from the churches for the different purposes named as follows:

For Associational purposes	$ 58 95
For State Missions	25 00
For Home Missions	6 50
For Foreign Missions	55 20
For General Missions	182 26
Total	$327 91
Amount received from former Treasurer for Associational purposes	3 95
Total cash on hand	$331 86

Respectfully submitted.

D. M. Lee

The Report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. D. M. Lee, and on motion adopted, after being discussed by Bro. Lee and Rev. T. J. Moore, as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

In all ages women have been prominent in religious work. In the days of our Savior, many of them were his disciples. They were found last at the cross and first at the tomb. And as civilization advances, and as the gospel spreads the more and more are women recognized and appreciated, and lighter becomes their burdens; hence they have great incentives to push the work of their Master.

The minutes of the last Baptist State Convention show that our women gave the last conventional year, the handsome sum of $1,093.22 to Home Missions; $567.10, to State Missions; $1,794.64, to Foreign Missions; $1,573.56, to Orphans Home, and sent boxes to the value of $2,670.35. Also gave $55.00 to Mississippi College, $36.47 to Sustentation, $43.30 to Training School, $170.85 to Margaret Home, $4,410.55 to home uses, $25.00 to Theological Seminary, $101.80 to Ministerial Education; and had in their treasury at the time of the meeting of the convention, $1,925.11; making a grand total of $14,466.95. The letters of Lawrence County Association show, that we only have reported in our Association five ladies' missionary societies. We would recommend that this Association elect a Vice President, whose duty it shall be to supervise the woman's work in this Association, and the

Association send the Vice President to our Baptist State Convention and pay her expenses.

Respectively submitted.

D. M. Lee, Chairman.

In pursuance of the recommendation of the above report on Womans Work, on motion Sister G. W. Clough, of Prentiss Baptist Church, was unanimously elected a messenger from this Association to the Baptist State Convention in the interest of Woman's Work.

The report on Missions was read by Elder J. P. Williams and by unanimous consent, it was agreed for the report on Nominations to be read before the report on Missions be discussed.

The report on Nominations was read and spoken to by Revs. T. J. Moore, L. D. Posey, J. P. Williams, A. V. Rowe, and Bros. A. H. Dale, and C. R. Dale and on motion adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominaions would submit the following report:

Place for holding next meeting—Society Hill, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1907, at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

To preach Associational sermon— J. P. Williams; Alternate —J.O. Buckley.

The following brethren to write on the subjects following their names, viz:

L. D. Posey, Missions.
T. J. Batton, Denominational Schools.
T. J. Moore, Relation of Pastors and Churches.
J. P. Williams, Publications.
J. B. Dale, Orphanage.
J. O. Buckley, Ministerial Education.
C. R. Dale, Sunday Schools.
W. C. Maxwell, Woman's Work.
D. M. Lee, Church Discipline.
J. M. Ritchie, Sustentation.
L. H. Bird, Temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. Watts,
M. Stringer,
H. C. Lane.

On motion the report on Missions was adopted as follows after being discussed by Elders J. P. Williams and A. V. Rowe.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It is taken for granted in this report, that the Bible teaches the religion of One God and only Savior and that the way of salvation for adult souls is through faith in the shed blood of, Jesus Christ, and that God ordained that it should be accomplished through preaching the Gospel, and it is His good pleasure that it be preached among all people of the human race and Christianity be established among them. Believing ourselves to be God's agents, we are assembled in Association to consider ways and means of furthering his blessed design.

We find ready to our hand a most happy plan of cooperation. First is our State Mission Board with its efficient secretary looking after the weak and destitute places in our state. This work appeals to our patriotism, our philanthrophy, and our devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Home Board looking after the large cities, frontiers, mountain regions and Cuba, afford us an opportunity to put some vital service where it will touch the well-springs of Divine favor, where the work will count mightily for the uplifting of humanity and the glory of God. We note with pleasure that our own B. D. Gray, a graduate of Mississippi College and of Mississippi is secretary of this Board. Its location is Atlanta, Ga.

To complete the equipment we have the Foreign Mission Board, with R. J. Willingham, Secretary, Richmond, Va. So we have the way open to us, and we only have to put ourselves under divine leadership to make the most of our lives for the services of God. For our fuller information, I quote from last Convention Board Report:

"There are now in the employ of the Foreign Mission Board, 178 men and women, distributed as follows: Japan 14, China 96, Africa 10, Mexico 25, Italy 5, Brazil 28, Argentina 10. There were 2445 people baptised by these missionaries last Convention year. In Home Mission fields, including cooperative work with

the States, there have been employed 838 missionaries, while in cooperation with the National Baptist Convention there have been employed among the negroes 33 missionaries. In State missions—33 years in existence there have been 494 churches supported in whole or in part till they could care for themselves, and 12,490 baptisms. Last year Mississippi Baptists gave $20,385.85 to Foreign Missions and $11,672.59 to Home Missions and in boxes $2,000 and to State Missions $23.000 while the Southern Baptist Convention gave to Foreign Missions $315,248.48 and to Home Missions $167,399.88."

Our great need is to get the matter on our hearts with the idea that we all should give, and that the givers should give more liberally.

When we have a full purpose to do this work, we can find a plan by which we can do it.

Respectfully,
J. P. Williams.

Elder J. A. Scarborough read the report on Temperance and on motion amended and adopted after being discussed by Revrends J. A. Scaborough, J. P. Williams, A. V. Rowe, T. J. Moore and J. M. Ritchie.

The report is as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

The church and state have no greater enemy than the hydra-headed monster known as the liquor traffic. This monster, with his hands all gory with human blood, reaches out to bring to ruin every thing held sacred by a God-fearing and liberty loving people. With his blood stained hands he would snatch the Bible fom our center tables, tear down every church house in the land, and bring to prison and to death every minister of the Gospel, who would dare to open his mouth against the heinous deeds of this blood-thirsty demon, who annually drags down to death, and to hell, more than one hundred thousand of our fellow creatures in the United States.

Your committee is aware that this is a serious charge to bring against an institution, owned and controlled by men enjoying all the blood-bought rights and priviliges of American citizens. It is hard for us to procure the execution of our State prohibitory laws, while this heinous traffic is backed up by the national law and dominates the national law-making power of our country.

The responsibility for the existence of this red-eyed, bloated-faced demon, with all of its attending evils, may be brought and laid down at the feet of every American citizen, who, by his suffrage supports men for lawmakers. who are secretly in league with this emissary of Hell.

Your committee believes that the time has fully come when the churches of this, and all other Associations should completely separate themselves from the drinking element within their folds, who patronize the old "harlot" who seeks to destroy the peace and happiness of every home, and bring to ruin and to shame the young manhood and womanhood of our beloved county.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. Scarborough.

The Treasurer made his report which was on motion received, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer begs leave to report the following amounts received from the committee on Finance and for the different purposes named as follows,

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Respectfully submitted,

L. D. Posey.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to turn over to Elder A. V. Rowe all monies in his hands for missionary purposes, and to use all other monies for the purposes indicated in the treasurer's report.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

Benediction by Elder T. J. Moore.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the congregation singing "I Want to be a Worker."

Devotional exercises being conducted by Rev. J. M. Ritchie reading for morning's meditation the 19 th. division of the Psalms.

Prayers were led by Elder J. M. Richie and Bro. C. R. Dale.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The report on the Orphanage was read and touching, soul inspiring speeches were made by Brethren C. R. Dale, A. H. Dale, J. M. Polk and Elder L. D. Posey, and adopted as follows:

ORPHANAGE.

It will be remembered that the Orphanage was chartered in the year 1894, and was opened in May, 1897. They occupied at the opening a rented building in Jackson. The institution is the property of the Baptist denomination of the State of Mississippi.

It's ownership is vested in a Board ofTrustees, who are empowered by law to secure and hold property for the purpose of maintaining an orphanage for the destitute white orphan children of the State. The trustees now hold a title to 112 acres of land situated in the northwest suburbs of Jackson, Miss, the original cost of which was $2400.00. This property has enhanced in value until today it is readily worth, including land, buildings, live stock, farming utensils, and such like, the neat sum of $80,000.00.

There are being cared for now at the Orphanage 113 (what we might call destitute) orphan children; and we learn that others are constantly applying and being received therein.

Your committee would commend with a good degree of pride, the custom many of our churches have in giving one Sunday in

the year to the Orphanage. This together with our annual Thanksgiving offerings would be very helpful in the way of their support.

We would recommend also that pastors and Sunday Schools should at least once a quarter give the children an opportunity to contribute to the orphans, not only because of the needs of the Orphanage, but becaue we verily believe that such exercises will open their hearts to giving as nothing else can do.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Dale.

The report on Church Discipline was read by Elder J. M. Ritchie and on motion adopted, after being discussed. The report is as follows:

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Your committee reports the following:

First, Discipline means to teach. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Teaching them obedience to the rules and commandments taught by our Savior.

We find then, they are to be taught, or discipled, and then taught to obey the teachings of the New Testament, as taught by our Lord and his apostles.

Second: Jesus Chist said "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. We find then that churches are to be taught the doctrine and commandments of the New Testament. These are to be taught, first from the pulpit, and your committee is of the opinion that much of the laxity of church discipline of today is on account of the manner of the preaching in this day. I mean, a failure on the part of some of our pastors to reprove and rebuke the evils that are abroad in our land today, and even in our churches, such as drunkenness, fornication, adultry, covetousness, etc, which is idolatry." We are taught not to keep company with any person guilty of any of these sins enumerated above.

Third, The Savior said to his disciples, "Ye are my disciples,

or my friends, if ye do whatsoever I commad you," John 15:14. Then if we do not what he commands us to do, we are not his friends, but his enemies. If members are disobedient, they are to be admonished and labored with, in the spirit of love, and if they will not heed the admonition, the church should withdraw fellowship from them.

Fourth, The Church should withdraw fellowship from every member that "walks disorderly" and not according to the commandments laid down in the New Testament.

Fifth, If any member is a habitual drunkard, railer, extortioner, fornicator or adulterer, the church shoud quietly withdraw fellowship from them, without extra ceremony, and have no communication with them whatever

Sixth, A church without discipline is like a ship without a rudder. When a church ceases to exercise her discipline, and have an orderly membership, that church loses all her power for good.

Respectfully,

J. M. Ritchie.

The report on Ministeral Education was read, and spoken to by Elders L. D. Posey, J. M. Ritchie and Bro. Wallace Dale, and on motion adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There were fifty-three young men preachers enrolled as students in Mississippi College, and sixteen admitted into the Seminary last session. These "preacher boys" almost without exception, come from poor humble homes and were grown-up men before they were called or yielded to a call to preach. They, therefore, need some financial aid to help them through, that they may the sooner get fully into the Master's work. A small contribution from each one will not be felt, and oh! how much the aggregate would lighten the struggles of these young preachers.

The ministerial Board does not attempt to relieve the struggles of these young men, but tries to make those struggles effective. To this end about three-fourths of the entire number of Ministerial students enrolled last session received some help from the Board, but Dr. Lowrey tells me that none of them received

more than half of their expenses. Therefore in sending our contributions to this cause, we are only helping the young preachers to help themselves.

Dr. Lowrey in his report to the State Convention for the Board, said: "Many of them (young preachers,) in our opinion will become men of large usefulness in the ministry. We are very careful not to render too much help to students. We think it better to render too little help, than too much."

The total receipts from all sources for Ministerial Education last year, were $2050.55. The average amount spent on each student was nearly $36.00. From this you may know that your contributions will be cared for and intelligently expended. We need larger contributions to ministerial education next year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Batton,

Committee.

The Report on Sustentation was discussed by J. M. Polk, C. R. Dale and Rev. J. M. Ritchie and adopted as follows:

SUSTENTATION.

The word, "Sustentation" as used by Baptist people, has reference to supporting old, wornout preachers of our denomination, who are no longer able to preach, and are in destitute circumstances. This is a subject that is worthy of our serious consideration. It has long since been a settled fact, that it is the duty of every church to take care of those of her members, who, by reason of old age or otherwise, are not able to support themselves, without distinction, so far as calling is concerned, the laity, as well as preachers. In the Apostles' time, men "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" were chosen and set apart, to look after this business. But it will be expected of your committee to treat the subject as applied to old wornout preachers exclusively, and suggest some plan for action.

In this connection, your committee knows of no better plan than that taught in the New Testament. It is our duty, and a great privilege to contribute to the relief of poor distressed humanity, and especially of our own dependent ones, and if there is an "old wornout" preacher, who is worthy among our mem-

bers, it is the duty of the deacons to bring the matter up in the church conference, and make provisions for their relief, not only preachers, but the laity as well, who are worthy.

Your committee believes it is an error to treat this subject with reference to the preachers exclusive of the laity, because we should not make any distinctions in our treatment of the poor (or paupers,) of our membership, since the New Testament makes none. But in the spirit of love, see to it that our poor are taken care of.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. Polk.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder L. D. Posey, and discussed by him and Elder J. M. Ritchie, and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Lawrence County Baptist Association:

Brethren:—Your committee appointed to make report to you upon Sunday Schools, is forbidden by time and circumstance to make an adequate report upon this very important subject. We observe that teaching the Bible is enjoined upon us, as well as preaching the Gospel. Christ said "go teach all nations." The same Apostle, who enjoined upon the ministers the "waiting upon his ministry," says that the teacher is to wait upon his teaching, indicating a divine setting aside to teach as well as a divine call to preach, so that no true teacher of the truths of the Bible need doubt Divine approbation upon his work. And how pre-eminently fitted for the teaching of the truths and principles of Holy writ is the Sunday School! The very fact of its being a "Sunday School" taught on the Sabbath when the body rests and the mind should be freed from the cares and concerns of every-day life, teaching not only the mind but the spiritual and moral being, constitutes it, together, with the Christian home, the hope for the moral and spiritual leaven for the future. It is not to be denied that, while it is primarily designed to teach the spiritual and moral truths that are, in after life, to fortify us aganist that tendency to infidelity that we heard spoken of yesterday, to shield us from the temptations and weaknesses that assail our natures,

fitting us to resist the devil and be a source of spiritual strength, not only to ourselves, but to our churches and fellows, the Sunday School also gives more valuable refined mind training, ten-fold for the time and effort, than any other School. No one can properly estimate its value from a purely educational standpoint.

The Sunday School is the only absolutely "free school" we have, for charity, where necessary, is hardly found lacking in any community to supply, not only the books or literature but the clothing to the poor to attend Sunday School. None too poor, none too rich, none too wise to learn, and none too ignorant to be taught; none too old or too young from the prattling babe to the grave, all can find place and benefit in the Sunday School. Then why the widespread, manifest, almost criminal, indifference to neglect of the Sunday Schools? Your committee recoils at the thought of attempting to give an adequate or exhaustive answer to this question, so many and varied are the causes. We are persuaded that some of the chief, though, are the same causes that hinder the free course of the Gospel, that make empty seats in our chuches when they should be occupied: that are stifling the love of God in the human heart and withering the love that should oblain among christian men and women: that are crushing out the divine spirit of hospitality and making impatient of entertaining even "angels unawares:" to the same agencies that are laying their unholy hands upon the very ties of home and family—what are they? The same old story. The cares and the pleasures of this life, the mad frenzied, reckless pursuit of this world's goods, gold and silver and all that they represent: the gratification of self, the desire to be "at ease in Zion": all this powerfully aided and abetted by the great flood of so-called news papers, magazines and periodicals that are invading daily our homes catching and holding the attention, absorbing and, at the same time, paralyzing the mind, crowding out the desire for learning things high and holy, with their deception, mindpoisoning, soul damning, trashy slush and fabrication. Right in this latter cause, to my mind, lies the chiefest enemy to our Sunday School interests and all that they represent; that is, in the Sunday reading of worldly trash. Who will plead not guilty?—let him "cast the first stone."

Respectfully submitted,

Lee H. Bird,
Committee.

After the discussion and adoption of the above report a collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $23.00, which would have been much larger had the committee reported earlier in the meeting but as the report came on the last day many of the deiegates had gone home who would have contributed.

Clerk.

On motion, the report of the committee on Apportionment, which was supposed to have been carried away by the chairman, through mistake, was adopted and the secretary authorized to enroll same when procured. Note.—As your secretary could not obtain said report, it was suggested that the increase over last year was about 25 per cent and that he add 25 per cent to last year's apportionment which is as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Antioch	$30 00	$37 50
Bethel	35 00	43 75
Bethany	150 00	187 50
Crooked Cceek	100 00	125 00
Calvary	200 00	250 00
Hepzibah	50 00	62 50
Hebron		300 00
Monticello	100 00	125 00
New Zion	25 00	31 50
New Hope	25 00	31 50
New Hebron	50 00	62 50
Oakvale		10 00
Prentiss		300 00
Povidence		
Rehoboth	20 00	30 00
Shiloh	40 00	50 00
Silver Creek	50 00	62 50
Society Hill		150 00

Whitesand was not listed last year and Providence was not a member then. Hebron, Prentiss, Oakvale and Society Hill amounts were given me by parties who know the amounts apportioned them.

It is requested by the Secretary, that the member of each

church, who was on the apportionment committee examine the above amounts, and if 25 per cent is greater than the amount you suggested, correct it, while it is fresh on your mind.

Wade Polk,

Secretary.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the action of the Association on yesterday, authorizing the secretary to apportion each church in the Association, with amounts sufficient to defray the expenses of our delegate to the S. B. Convention, and have the roll called and let each church specify its own amount. The results are as follows:

Antioch $3.00, Bethel $3.00, Bethany $3.00, Crooked Creek $4.00, Calvary $5.00, Hepzibah $2.00, Hebron $5.00, New Hebron $2.00, Monticello $5.00, New Hope $2.00, New Zion $3.00, Prentiss $5.00, Rehoboth $2.00, Shiloh $3.00, Society Hill $5.00, Whitesand $3.00, Oakvale $1.00, Providence $3.00.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Association is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes and that he be allowed $20.00 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of Shiloh Church, and to the friends of the community at large, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

On motion the correction of the minutes of this meeting of the Association, be left to the secretary.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To sister Associations with which we correspond:—

Greeting: We have just closed the sixth session of our Association, same being held with Shiloh Church, Lawrence County, Miss. The session was helpful and harmonious.

All our churches were represented, and made good showings of work done during the year in the Master's Vineyard, as may be seen by referring to our satistical table.

We also received two other churches at this meeting.

Your messengers were helpful to us and we hope to continue our fraternal correspondenc. Our next sesion will be held with

Society Hill Chuch, twelve miles north of Columbia and two miles east of Hathorn station, on Columbia and Mendenhall branch of G. & S. I. R. R. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1907, at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

R. Drummond,
Moderator.

Wade Polk,
Clerk.

A REQUEST OF THE CLERK.

It is earnestly requested by the clerk of the Lawrence County Association, that each church use the same form of Associational letters, which will be mailed to the secretary of each church in time to be properly filled. If this request is not granted, it will be very difficult, as in the past, to properly make a statistical report.

It is also earnestly requested that the Pastors and Clerks of the churches be very careful that the letters be properly filled before they get to the Association.

Wade Polk,
Clerrk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	NAMES OF DELEGATES	NAME PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	NAME OF SEC'Y	POSTOFFICE
Antioch	H. T. Hemphill and J. B. Hemphill	J. R. G. Reeves	McComb, r f d 1	W. L. McGuffee	Perch
Bethel	T. J. Andrews, W. J. Wilson and J. M. Ritchie	W. R. Webber	Wesson	W. J. Wilson	Monticello
Bethany	J. M. Polk	R. J. O'Bryant	Sumrall	E. L. Polk	Prentiss
Crooked Creek	W. C. Dale, B. R. Buckley, G. W. Johnston and J. D. Buckley	R. Drummond	Hebron	F. M. Blackman	Silver Creek
Calvary	J. P. Williams and M. Stringer	J. P Williams	Silver Creek	J. M. Armstrong	Silver Creek
Hepzibah	B. S. Watts	R. Drummond	Hebron	J. A. Daniel	Bournham
Hebron	R. Drummond, A. H. Dale and D. R. Longino	R. Drummond	Hebron	W. C. Hutchins	Hebron
Monticello	D. M. Lee and I. P. Touchstone	J. P. Hemby	Monticello	T. M. Beal, Jr.	Monticello
New Hope	J. L. Catt	J. R. G. Reeves	McComb	Alfonso Russell	Monticello, r f d 1
New Zion	Jno. R. Cox, J. N. O'Quinn, and H. O. Whitaker	W. R. Webber	Wesson	J. T. Bass	Monticello, r f d 1
New Hebron	H. C. Lane and C. B. Dampeer	R. Drummond	Hebron	J. B. Riley	Hebron
Oakvale	D. N. Langston			S. W. More	Oakvale
Prentiss	T. J. Moore, C. R. Dale, A. H. Laydon and J. A. Maxwell	T. J. Moore	Prentiss	C. R. Dale	Prentiss
Providence	J. N. Magee, J. N. Boyd and C. F. Carney	J. L. Price	Norfield	J. A. Andrews	Verna
Rehoboth	Lee H. Bird and V. L. Moore	J. A. Scarborough	Nola	Lee H. Bird	Tryus
Shiloh	W. R. Gibson, E. Carlisle, E. B. White, J. D. King and S. M. Douglass	J. E. Farrar	Venus	H. F. Buckley	Sontag
Silver Creek	D. G. Langston, I. E. and W. D. Fortenberry and W. B. Stringer	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	E. A. Allen	Silver Creek
Society Hill	L. D. Posey, J. M. Fortenberry, E. C. Bennett and Wade Polk	L. D. Posey	Silver Creek	G. M. Buckley	Hathorn
White Sand	T. J. Batton, O. L. Broom and Wallace W. Dale	T. J. Batton	Hooker	R. B. Dale	Prentiss

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Paid for Minutes	No. Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	General Missions	Paid Visiting Ministers	Other Objects	Expended on Church Property	To the Poor	Ministral Education	Orphanage	Incidentals	Mississippi College	S. B. T. Seminary	Sustentation	Colportage	Sunday School Work	Church Expenses	Other Purposes	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity of Church	Womans' Missionary Society	Delegates to S. B. Convention
Antioch	3 00	20	125 80				4 50	32 77	34 85								3 00		2 60	40		1000			
Bethel	3 00	20	100 00				37 11	25 00			10 00						3 00		2 60	40		500			
Bethany	5 65	40	250 00	20 00	15 00	17 00		55 55														1000	900		
Crooked Creek	1 65	15	150 00				76 50	32 10											7 40	5 84	3 00				
Calvary	4 00	40	400 00	100 00	100 00	100 00		135 00				25 00	31 25						42 56		5 00	1000	300	153 90	
Hepzibah	2 50	20	150 00	16 70	16 65	15 00		31 00				9 75									2 00	600	350		
Hebron	3 50	35	219 75	60 00	60 00	70 00		47 00			14 15	17 85	76 25								2 50	600	300	61 10	
Monticello	4 50	30	250 00	57 50	47 50	65 00	3 00						14 20		105 00				16 83	12 00		1800	300		
New Hope	1 50	12	75 00				16 10				4 70				10 00				4 00	75 00					
New Zion	2 75	18	100 00	6 50	6 50	10 00		25 00											2 40						
New Hebron	3 00	25	100 00			15 10		86 40		3044			3 60							38 55		3270	450		
Oakvale	1 50	10																							
Prentiss	4 00	40	450 00	91 10	34 50	87 00		64 75		3200	25 00		40 00		100 00				42 89	107 50		4000	500		14 50
Rehoboth	2 00	10	125 00	3 85		4 00		16 88														350			
Shiloh	2 50	20	175 00	9 00		10 00	6 50	20 00											1 00						
Silver Creek	3 00	30					45 25	16 40											4 25						3 00
Society Hill	5 85	40	500 00					61 51							359 30					45 00		1000	800		4 00
White Sand		12	125 00	18 30	9 00	16 00		35 00				6 75										500	300		
Providence	3 00	30	225 00	24 00																		1200			
	$56 90	467	$3519 75	406 95	289 15	409 10	188 96	674 36	$34 85	$ 6244	$53 85	$59 35	169 30		574 30		$ 6 00			284 69	$12 50	$16820	4200	215 00	$21 50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	Time of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Baptised	Restored by Letter	Restored	Died	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Increase	Total Decrease	Total Membership last year	Total Membership this year	No. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils	Average Attendance	SUPERINTENDENTS' NAMES AND P. O.	SECRETARIES' NAMES AND P. O.
Antioch	2			9	5	2	4	8	12	16	24	194	202	1	5	45	35	W. P. Boutwell, Edgar	Lanie Lee, Perch
Bethel	2	1		24	1	1	0	2	1	26	3	93	116	0	0	0	0		
Bethany	3			10	4	2	0	24	1	16	25	206	197						
Crooked Creek	1	1		13	3	2	1	16	0	18	17	196	197	1	12	98	50	W. J. Hamilton, Hooker	Bettie Dale, Hooker
Calvary	2-4	1	1	13	18	2	1	11	0	33	12	213	234	1	8	125	80	W. R. Rawls, Silver Creek	O. R. Stewart, Silver Creek
Hepzibah	3			5	0	1	0	4	4	6	8	124	122	1	6	37		W. W. Branton, Bournham	J. A. Daniel, Bowinham
Hebron	4	1	0	24	12	3	2	24	2	39	28	245	256					I. N. Bush, Hebron	G. E. Williams, Hebron
Monticello	4			3	5	0	2	3	0	8	5	107	110	1	6	83	35	D. M. Lee, Monticello	I. N. Bass, Monticello
New Hope	1			0	0	1	1	3	0	1	4	73	70	1	8	53		Alfonso Russell, Mon'lo, R 1	I. E. Nelson, Monticello, R 1
New Zion	2			25	7	0	0	6	0	32	9	123	146	1	5	25			
New Hebron	4	0	0	7	70	0	0	0	0	77	0	19	96	1	6	60	32	H. C. Lane, New Hebron	E. C. Butler, New Hebron
Oakvale	4													1	6	49	45	S. W. Moore, Oakvale	Hattie Parkman, Oakvale
Prentiss	2-4	1		10	29	0	0	5	0	39	5	93	127	1	7	100	80		
Providence				29	4	0	0	11	11									J. L. Price, Norfield	J. A. Andrews, Verna
Reboboth	4			2	4	0	0	4	0	6	4	62	64						
Shiloh	1			7	4	1	0	4	2	12	6	141	147	1	4	35	25	W. R. Gibson, Sontag	H. F. Buckley, Sontag
Silver Creek	2			0	1	0	2	18	3	1	23			1	5	35	30	D. G. Langston, Silver Creek	Rod Rogers, Silver Creek
Soiety Hill	2-4	2		20	4	1	3	20	9	25	32	315	308	1	6	86	50	J. M. Fortenberry, Story	Opal Fortenberry, Story
White Sand	1	1		14	7	2	0	6	0	23	6	125	132	1	4	35		R. B. Dale, Prentiss	
		8	1	215	178	18	16	169	45	348	211	2429	2524	14	88	866	462		